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I Will Vomit You Out of My Mouth! The Continued Ecumenism of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

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Yesterday in Rome, the two Arch-Heresiarchs, Bartholomew and Leo XIV, met in order to continue their pan-heretical ecumenist relationship. It has been reported all over Roman Catholic news outlets and, as usual, in the *Orthodox Observer*—the propaganda rag of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (GOARCH)—that Bartholomew went to Rome and prayed with the newly installed ‘Pope,’ in open violation of the Apostolic and Ecumenical Canons.



The purpose of this meeting, of course, was not only to continue their heretical ecumenism, but also to secure the continuation the meeting in Nicaea that was arranged with ‘Pope’ Francis and Bartholomew before the latter died last month.



According to the *Orthodox Observer*:

“On Sunday, May 18, 2025, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew flew to Rome to attend the inauguration ceremony of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV. In an unforgettable moment, he prayed together with the new pontiff as Leo XIV embarks upon his journey as the spiritual leader of the world’s Roman Catholics” [1].

As we have shown again and again, these pointless, heretical meetings with the heretics in Rome have borne no fruit, have created division, have separated World Orthodoxy in schism from the True Orthodox Church—those who remain faithful to the Holy Fathers—and have confused those new to Holy Orthodoxy.

As a reminder concerning what the Orthodox Church, in its canon law, says about praying with heretics—not only for the laity but especially for the clergy—the canons read as follows:

Canon XLV: Let a bishop, presbyter, or deacon, who has only prayed with heretics, be excommunicated; but if he has permitted them to perform any clerical office, let him be deposed [2].

Canon LXIV: If any clergyman or layman shall enter into a synagogue of Jews or heretics to pray, let the former be deposed and let the latter be excommunicated [3].

Canon XXXIII: No one shall join in prayers with heretics or schismatics [4].

Here we are again, watching another World Orthodox Patriarchate grovel before the heresiarch in Rome, who is nothing but a pseudo-bishop and stands outside of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Bartholomew and all of the World Orthodox Patriarchates repeatedly discard the Scriptures, trample the Canons, ignore the very liturgical texts they pray concerning the Papists, and spit in the face of the Fathers and Saints who have given their clear judgment concerning the unrepentant Papist in Rome.

How long will you, like the very bishops you claim to disdain for their open violations of the traditions of the Orthodox Church, continue to ignore and disregard the teachings of the Holy Fathers—remaining in communion with these unrepentant false teachers and pseudo-bishops simply because your priest or pseudo-elders tell you to? Is this what Saint Mark, Saint Maximus, Saint Philaret of New York, or any right-believing and true confessor of the Orthodox Faith ever taught?

At this point, those who willingly teach others to remain—or those who remain despite knowing better—are going to come under the very indictment of Christ, who says: “So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth” (*Apocalypse* 3:16, KJV).

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[2]. The Canons of the Holy and Altogether August Apostles, “Canon XLV,” in *Nicene & Post-Nicene Fathers, Volume 14*, ed. Philip Schaff & Henry Wace (Peabody: Hendrickson Publications, 1999), 597.

[3]. Ibid., 598.

[4]. The Canons of the Synod Held in the City of Laodicea, “Canon XXXIII,” in *Nicene & Post-Nicene Fathers, Volume 14*, ed. Philip Schaff & Henry Wace (Peabody: Hendrickson Publications, 1999), 150.